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In re application of

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Examiner: Adrienne C. Johnstone

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For: PNEUMATIC TIRE

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 9, 2002, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the Group II invention identified by the Examiner (a pneumatic tire whose reinforcing cord layer is arranged along an inside of the radial carcass turnup portion), upon which at least claims 1-7 and 9-12 are readable. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application, if necessary, directed to the remaining claims. Presently, claim 1 is indicated as being generic.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees (except the Issue Fee and/or the Publication Fee) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account.

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